



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIRAKU KAZUKA, ET AL.) Examiner: W. Louie
Application No.: 09/511,358) Group Art Unit: 2814
Filed: February 23, 2000)
For: PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION)
DEVICE, AND IMAGE SENSOR)
AND IMAGE INPUT SYSTEM)
MAKING USE OF THE SAME) August 25, 2003

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

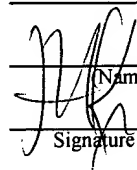
Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The enclosed Abstract of JP6-302798 was cited during an examination of a Japanese counterpart JP2000-47751 of the present application. Referring to Fig. 1 of

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JP6-302798, a transparent conductive film to which a predetermined voltage is applied is disposed via an insulator 101 on a metal wiring 5a in a photoreceiving region. However, JP6-302798 fails to disclose the special feature of the present invention that the conductor disposed via the insulator is formed from the same layer as the light-screening layer defining the pixel region (opening). In that respect, the present invention has been distinguished over JP6-302798.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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